

FROM THE FIELD.

South Bend, Ind.

It has been some time since your own correspondent supplied you with news from the field at South Bend. We are neither dead nor sleeping. We are expecting Bro. DeBolt on Saturday, to begin a protracted effort to gather some of the lost ones into our church, and are looking forward to an increase of spiritual power and accessions to our membership. I have just returned from a visit to our old home church at Indian Creek, and came away fired with zeal, full of hope and courage to help in the work at home. They are having one of, if not the greatest revival at Indian Creek they have ever experienced. Nineteen had been added to their number through the agency of brother J. H. Swihart up to last Tuesday night, when I left, and brother Swihart was out in the field everywhere talking and teaching. That I think is the great secret of his success—ever ready to give an account of the faith which he preaches, and always about his Master's business. Nine of the new members are heads of families, seven bringing their wives with them, the wives of the remaining were already members. The church at this place never had such a glorious prospect before it as at this time, having gathered to itself so large a number of people of ability and good standing, may the light of her candle burn brighter and brighter. May her good works rise before the Lord as sincere; may she be found faithful and keep her altar pure and clean, until his coming. Is there in all the wide, wide world a bond so sweet, so lasting as the bond of Christian fellowship? Any tie so strong, so enduring, that neither length of years, circumstance or distance can so little impair, as the invisible chords that unite the hearts of the children of God in one faith. I think of this, as I write the name and success of the Indian Creek church, and think of the one to whose ministry they owe it, through God.

In that great day, when she, before the Lord shall stand,

For keeping of her sacred trust, she indeed shall be,

At his right hand, in one unbroken band,

Each dearly loved and well remembered face,

Pray God, with joy unspeakable I there may see.

E. M. SINGERFOOSE.

Feb. 22, 1889.

Lanark, Illinois.

Bro. George DeBolt began a series of meetings in the town of Lanark on Jan. 27th. Lanark is not a wicked town, but difficult to hold a successful revival, as many of the ministers can bear testimony. Indifference and a lack of attendance are the main causes to failure. Bro. DeBolt is simply a power to draw and hold crowds. He made some enemies and many friends while with us. This is the law that accompanies ministers who tell the truth, plain and simple, so all will understand. 'The bird that flutters is hit,' and why shoot at all if you don't intend to hit. Success depends on your hitting your mark. The tree that bears fruit is the good tree. We opine that some Lanark brethren were glad to see DeBolt leave, as we were obliged to send some away, even on Sunday nights, when

there was preaching at five other churches in town at the same time with the brethren. Our neighbor congregations undoubtedly felt the force of our services. The meetings closed Feb. 21st. Immediate results were eight united with the church by baptism, with two applicants and others almost persuaded. Bro. Yoder was right, we think, when he said that 'DeBolt was the Sam Jones of the Brethren church.' Our prayer is that God may continue to be with him and give him many souls as his hire in the Master's work.

Z. T. LIVENGOD.

Feb. 23, 1889.

Buckeye City, Ohio.

Brother J. Allen Miller commenced an attack on the strong holds of sin, on the 29th of January, at this place and continued until the 24th of February, preaching in all, forty sermons, three of them being on doctrine. It was one of the most glorious meetings I ever attended. Although the roads were so rough that the people in the country could not attend a good part of the time. We had good houses nearly all the time, and the result of the effort was twenty-five conversions, from twelve to fifty years of age. None by relation. Among the number were our two sons. Eighteen of the number were young persons, from fifteen to thirty-five years of age. They nearly double our number, and it was not only a revival among sinners, but was one among professors.

Bro. Miller is a wonder behind the throne. The people were astonished at him, being a smooth faced boy, to preach such powerful sermons. He closed on Sunday night with a crowded houseful. We have about completed arrangements for him to preach for us the coming year. The work is not done; the prospects are good to gather in a number more. This raises our membership to sixty, and we now feel that we will be able to give the work a greater push than we have before, and do not expect to let up until we have one of the strongest churches in the brotherhood, by the help of our heavenly Father. For without Him we can do nothing—and to His name be present and everlasting praise.

ISAAC ROSS.

Feb. 28, 1889.

Edna Mills, Ind.

A revival meeting has just closed at Edna Mills. Brother Kimmel, our pastor, commenced preaching on the evening of the 2nd of February and continued till the 8th, when he took sick, and was unable to continue the work. Bro. Ditch came here on the 9th, and continued the well-begun work till the 20th, when we closed. The immediate results were twelve additions to the church, and the members are very much encouraged.

J. B. METZGER.

Prattville, Mich.

Feb. 25.—I have been preaching here for ten days. Our meetings are growing in interest. We are having large audiences and good attention. At the close of our service on last evening one came out on the Lord's side. Others are near the kingdom. Brethren pray for us.

A. M. RIDENOUR.

Hudson, Iowa.

I left Hamlin, Kansas, on the 26th, on the St. Joseph & Grand Island R. R. Arrived at St. Joseph 8:40 a. m. At 2:15 p. m. boarded a train on the Chicago, St. Paul and Kansas City Ry. Arrived at Des Moines 8:20 p. m., and at Hudson, 11:40 p. m. After one hour's walk I was at home. I found my family in good health, thank the Lord. I only came home on a visit, and expect to return to my pastoral charge in a short time. It has been almost eighteen months since I have seen my old home. Things look natural. Bro. Samuel Cain paid me a visit yesterday.

J. NICHOLSON.

Feb. 28th.

Packerton, Ind.

Saturday evening we began a protracted effort at this place. There is a good interest and crowds are growing. Just what can be done here remains only for the future to tell—the owners of the house objected to doctrinal preaching.

J. H. PALMER.

Echo, Kansas.

Although our elder, Joseph Michael, asked the church for help in the ministry more than a year ago, yet no definite steps were taken until quite lately, when it was decided to hold an election for that purpose and a meeting was called for the 16th inst.

In order to set forth, too, before the church as the apostles did, an informal ballot was taken, after which prayer was offered to God asking for guidance that the right choice be made. An election by ballot was then held which resulted in the election of Bro. H. S. Enslow. After his duties were made known to him he accepted the position with some very touching and appropriate remarks.

Before the meeting closed another Conservative German Baptist united with us, making the fifth, since Nov. 1st, 1888.

I have written more fully the manner in which we elected a minister than I otherwise would, if it had not been for a clause in a resolution passed at the Ohio State and S. S. Convention, which reads 'That it shall suggest and devise measures for a more uniform church polity—such as defining qualifications of ministers, manner of election and installation of same, etc.'

Would it not be well to have a few articles in the EVANGELIST from different brethren, giving their views on the manner of church elections, the duties of a minister before being promoted to the office of elder, etc?

We have accepted the New Testament as the discipline of the Brethren Church, but according to the above reading there is a difference in some things.

S. W. METSKER.

Feb. 25th, 1889.

Giving to The Lord.

DEAR BRO. EDITOR:—I notice in your editorial in No. 8, you say, it would be interesting to know who is to receive his portion first, the children or the Lord. Providing for our children is an obligation on our part, and to give unto the Lord is a privilege granted to us. Now to meet both demands we have what we call a missionary box, and I deem it just as neces-

sary to put a certain part of my income into that box as it is for me to provide for my children. It is just as you say: the rule of scripture is to lay by on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered us. That really would be the best way to do. But we must look at things as they are at the present time. I think the majority of us have come short of doing that way, and there is a goodly number of us who have our wealth and as long as we are here to take care of it we should look about us and use it to our best interest, and that is the treasures we lay up in heaven. I didn't think it ought to require a special shower of divine grace to induce us to make the Lord an even heir with our children. It really ought to be a natural consequence among Christian people to do so.

D. B. LEHMAN,

Marcus, Ia., Feb. 25, 1889.

The Price Of Souls.

I would like to say a few words on the Prohibition question. In conversing with a lady school teacher a short time ago, I was very much surprised to hear her say she was opposed to Prohibition. I was surprised because she was a lady of more than ordinary intelligence and a worthy church member and very highly esteemed. I asked her reasons. She replied, 'it would lower teachers' wages' and added that 'it had been demonstrated without a doubt that Prohibition was a failure.' Thus she placed a few dollars of gain to herself in the balance with the happiness of mothers, wives and children, and the souls of men, and the dollars tipped the scale. Oh, the selfishness of human nature. Anything for gain. It had always been a mystery to me how men could have the hardihood to engage in such a traffic as liquor selling, for the attainment of wealth; but if refined, intelligent Christian women can be opposed to Prohibition because it would have a depressing effect on their own individual pocket books, what better can we expect from depraved men, such as would naturally engage in such a business?

As for Prohibition being a failure, that is the general cry by its opposers. Both Governor Larrabee, of Iowa, and Ex-Governor Martin, of Kansas, declare that it is not a failure, but a decided success. Both have made public speeches to that effect. It is not claimed by its most ardent supporters, that a state Prohibition law will effectually and entirely stop the sale and consumption of intoxicants. But it is justly claimed that it will very materially lessen it, and pave the way for a United States law, which will be no more violated than most of other laws. The laws against murder, burglary, arson, perjury and other crimes are violated daily; yet you do not hear such a clamor against those laws and the penalties attached, why should a prohibitory law be cried down any more than any other law?

I should like to see more in the columns of the EVANGELIST on this subject. The liquor traffic is the greatest enemy of God, home and country. Where saloons flourish the cause of Christ does not. Fraternally.

F. JOS. LEWIS.

OUR CHURCH.

Bro. I. Kilhefner left for the 'Valley' early last week, and is now at work in Dark County, Ohio.

Bro. Bowman is having a glorious meeting at Fairview church, and the Lord has added much strength to the church there already.

Bro. J. D. McFaden is expected to deliver his lecture on 'Marriage and How to be Happy,' on the evening of the 14th, at the College chapel.

Twenty-five converts at Buckeye City. Thank the Lord for the good work there. Ashland College was instrumental in making Bro. Miller a laborer in this field, and he is proving himself a true and worthy workman for the Lord.

Bro. McFaden expects to spend next Lord's day at Louisville, Ohio.

We wonder whether the brethren are all quiet in Pennsylvania. No reports of meetings do we hear.

Bro. Benj. O. Foster, of Auburn, Ill., has moved to LaGrand, Oregon. Oregon now seems to be the attraction in the west.

That was a wonderful meeting at Indian Creek, Ind. Some months ago the church was in great trouble, some of her members had left. But recently they returned, meetings were held, brotherly love was restored, and then the great reaper, Bro. Swihart came and a glorious harvest is gathered. Halleluiah!

Dear Editor.—I fail for word to express my appreciation of what is written on the 6th page of No. 7 of the EVANGELIST under the title, 'Honor thy father and mother' and 'Appreciation of mother.' I want our children to give those pieces very special attention. They may be worth more to me than the price of the paper for twenty years.—D. H. Brumbaugh.

Bro. Geo. W. DeBolt is now preaching in South Bend, Ind. The Times of that city says: 'The gentleman comes to South Bend a perfect stranger, but the large congregation that greeted him last evening is proof positive that he will not always remain a stranger within her gates. There is a "new departure" vim in his sermons that verges upon the Sam Jones style, and bids fair to bring him an audience.' The Daily Tribune publishes sketches of his sermons, and reports crowded houses.

Bro. Yoder writes under date of March 2nd, that on account of several cases of smallpox existing in the eastern part of Brown Co., Kansas, and Richard Co., Nebraska, the surrounding country has been placed under a strict quarantine. The approaches to all the towns are guarded, and the schools and churches have been closed. Bro. Yoder, himself was exposed to the disease, but feels safe after remaining well for thirteen days. Elder Nicholson hearing of the disease at Dorchester, Neb., left for Iowa. Bro. Yoder had to recall his appointment at Carleton.

List of donations received up to February 23, 1889.—Previously reported \$2.50. 1st. Bro. Richard Arnold, 1.00. 2nd. Bro. Valentine Wimer, 1.00. 3rd. Sister L. L. Tombaugh, 20cts. Total 4.50. My faith is stronger than ever in the Brethren church, because its possesses the divine constitution of the great head of the church. 'By this, shall all men know, that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another.'

N. B. Brethren and sisters will please note to write a return in five days, if not delivered, across the envelope, as irregularity exists in the mails.—W. S. Lyon, Wilson, O.

This seems to be Ohio's season for church work. Good meetings have been held at various places, and now the Miami Valley is to receive a thorough gleanings. Bro. Bashor is there now, or soon will be, and the prospects now are that he will remain there until late in the spring. With Bro. Mason to command the skirmish line, and Bro. Bashor in charge of the solid phalanx, a mighty work can be done. As a hustler (excuse slang phrase) to go around among the people and get acquainted Bro. M. has few equals; while for pulpit work, Bro. B's powers are everywhere known. Combine such talents in a common effort, under the converting power of God, and good will surely follow. It is seldom one man has all the qualifications required for successful revival work under all circumstances, and if he has, no physical power of endurance is able to bear the strain without great physical injury. That is why Christ sent out evangelists two by two.